



The **GARzette**

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Amateur Radio Operators Respond to Hurricanes Harvey and Irma



Hurricane Harvey, as seen from the International Space Station

Message from the President

Our thoughts are with those affected by Hurricane Harvey. The season isn't over and Irma is posing a significant threat to the East Coast. Let's hope we don't have a chance to use our EMCOMM skills!

The eclipse was spectacular! Norm WA4ZXV and I joined what looked like half of Atlanta and drove up 985

to view the eclipse. On the way we gave out a couple of calls on 146.52 and was surprised to be answered. A fellow in Toccoa has a cross-band repeater on a mountain that has an output on 52.

Really seemed strange hearing a courtesy tone on the simplex frequency. Sure helped pass the time in that 15 miles per hour traffic. Put 52 in one of your memories and switch over there and give a call out. You'll meet the some of the nicest folks there.

For you DXers, the SouthEastern DX and Contesting Organization (SEDCO) is presenting W4DXCC in Pigeon Forge in a couple of weeks (Sept. 22 and 23). The event is geared toward those with an interest in contesting and DXing. The format is a boot camp for new hams on Friday, a group dinner at a local BBQ place, and a day of speakers on Saturday. Atlanta's own Hal Kennedy will demonstrate blue lightning and our own Vaden MacDonald, NN4K will be setting up the CW Ops testing station. It's a smaller venue with a great opportunity to meet and talk with folks you work in the contests and who go on DXpeditions. For more info, <http://www.w4dxcc.com>

Planning is well underway for the Stone Mountain Hamfest. GARS members will play a big role in this year's event. Mark your calendar for November 4 and 5. The VE team will be busy with exams; tail gate folk need to be directed to their



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spots; indoor flea market has to be set up; and of course, GARS will have a table that needs to be staffed. Please plan on giving an hour or two of your time when called upon. Rumor has it that early birds can buy admission tickets at the GARS meeting and be eligible for a special prize drawing! <http://stonemountainhamfest.com>

Following on the heels of the best hamfest in Georgia is HamJam. This year the event will be on November 11 at Mill Springs Academy in Alpharetta, GA. Three great speakers are lined up and a host of really nice prizes to

be given away. GARS should be in the running for the prize for the club with the most attendees. <http://www.hamjam.info>

I'm looking forward to hearing about K2BSA and the scouting jamboree from Steve Back WB2OGY at this month's meeting. Steve has been active in the Boy Scouts for many years and represents GARS well at JOTA and with Venture Crew 73.

I'm QRU for this month. See you at the Five Spot or Flying Machine for dinner before the meeting!

73, *Mike Weathers*, ND4V

"It is not the class of license the Amateur holds, but the class of the Amateur that holds the license."



GARS September Meeting

Field Day & JOTA on Steroids for Two Weeks

By Steve Back, WB2OGY

Tuesday, September 12, 2017 7:00 pm

**Sports Aviation Complex—Hangar 1
690 Airport Road
Lawrenceville, GA 30045**

[Directions to EAA Hangar](#)

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GARS Communications

2 Meter Repeaters

147.075(+) MHz Tone 82.5
147.255(+) MHz Tone 107.2

6 Meter Repeater

53.110 (-1 MHz) No Tone
(Offline for Maintenance)

70 Cm Repeaters

444.525(+) MHz Tone 82.5
442.100(+) MHz Tone 100
442.325(+) MHz Tone 100

Other Resources:

APRS
144.390 -- 1200 Baud
W4GR

D-Star
WD4STR
145.060 + (1.4 MHz)
440.550 + (5 MHz)

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For additional information view our Website at: <http://www.gars.org>
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Member QRZ Pages

For a few months we will be featuring the QRZ page of various members of GARS.

This month we are featuring the QRZ page of :

KW4AL - Don Stewart

When you click on the link below you will find this picture.

<http://qrz.com/lookup/KW4AL>

Read the notes and get to know him better. You'll be glad you did.

Here is an excerpt from the page:

I am retired from BellSouth (before it was bought by AT&T (Southwestern Bell). I spent most of my career in Computer and Systems Planning with an emphasis on networking. I was an active Scout Leader and volunteer for 25+ years. I am also into photography, particularly nature photography. I am a long time volunteer at the Chattahoochee Nature Center in Roswell, GA and enjoy gardening with native plants.

I use both LOTW and eQSL. I also do cards by mail. Here is my current QSL Card. It will change from time to time as I use other photographs for the cards.

Watch for another featured GARS member QRZ page in next month's GARzette!



News, Press Releases, & General Interest

Help Wanted

There will be a rewarding position opening in October for 'Cola Carrier'.

The Refreshments program at the Club meetings is a satisfying way anyone can contribute to the future...that future being the proceeds collected are used in our Scholarship Program. And we all know of a few benefactors of this program, don't we?

I will bring the Soda Cooler to the September Meeting for the last time after having done so for 2 years. This task only consist of gathering the product (at GARS' expense) into the Soda Cooler and bringing it to the Monthly meetings.

Please contact me if you would be interested in providing this refreshing service to the GARS membership and I'll fill you in on the simple duties it entails.

73, Joe, AD4PZ



GARS Happenings

Pictures from the Dog Show (GARS and ARES Members in Action)



KM4LAO Wins the August QST Cover Plaque Award

The winning article for the August 2017 QST Cover Plaque award is "Youth DX Adventure on the Caribbean Island of Saba" by Ruth Willet, KM4LAO. (Congratulations Ruth! - Ed.)

The QST Cover Plaque Award -- given to the author or authors of the most popular article in each issue -- is determined by a vote of ARRL members on the [QST Cover Plaque Poll web page](#). Cast a ballot for your favorite article in the September issue today.



Source: <http://www.arrl.org/news/km4lao-wins-the-august-qst-cover-plaque-award>



Adventures in RFI, by Bill WR1TR

RFI, radio frequency interference, is no fun. You notice it because someone tells you that your signal sounds horrible, or when AB4HF comes back to you, and you hear static. Sorry, bad example. When W4KLY or AB4NX come back and you hear bursts of static, you have an RFI problem.

When it happens, you pull over to the side of the road and: `

1. Scream at HRO for selling you a crappy antenna.
2. Pray it's not the radio.
3. Pretend you didn't hear the group hand it to you and try and decipher what the last guy said based on the tone of the static bursts.

I did all three but, I did them while driving. I should clarify, and admit that I bought the junky antenna without the help of HRO. I got it from Amazon. I also, never thought it was the radio. I was sure it was the antenna.

I was in a new, old car. Just got it this week and like any good ham I spent more time installing antennas and radios than I did checking out the mechanical qualities of the vehicle. Don't lie, if you have bought a car since becoming a ham, you've done the same thing.

I've got to be honest, I hoped to show up at the monthly GARS meeting with antennas bristling all over my 10 year old Land Rover. Instead, I managed to get a magmount on the roof only to find that it wasn't working well. After the meeting, I drove away from Briscoe with a half a dozen guys trying to solve my problem. We have a good club. When you're sure that you offended someone with a well-placed joke or political comment and they spend twenty minutes trying to fix your problem later that night, you know you are in a good club. I don't remember offending anyone this week, but it could have happened.

We worked on it the whole way home. When I got there, I ran inside to the bathroom and when someone trying to help called, refused to answer the phone. I have issues with that. It's not a good idea to answer an expensive cell phone over an open bowl of water, and the sound effects are questionable. Say Amen.

That night, I made a list, partly from my own ideas but mostly from what others suggested. The next day, I took a break mid-day to deal with this important fault in my radio install. Patience is not by best quality. I want things to work and now.

I just want to start this by explaining that I have good neighbors, watchful neighbors, people that notice when you drive past their house twelve times in a car they have never seen before. Thankfully, they did not call the police. But, I did have to explain to a few of them what I was up to. I think they believed me. Maybe it would have been more convincing if I had more antennas on the vehicle.

I called into the repeater to test and four or five of our club members jumped on the opportunity to help. This is our club and I really do appreciate them all. The reports were interesting. I had a great signal out. Full quieting. But, when someone else hit the repeater, I heard more static and crashes than voice.

I tried coiling my antenna cable into a choke. I added snap on chokes in sizes that didn't fit, then a size that did. I replaced the antenna and magmount. I used battery power rather than the car's power. I checked that the radio's noise blanker was on. The list goes on. The issue was an odd one. I didn't get RFI when the engine was running and I was sitting still, even when I revved the engine. I got it when I moved, even if it was just up and down the drive. I'm sure that made the neighbors wonder.

Nothing I tried solved the problem.

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Hurricanes Harvey and Irma

As I write this article, the Hurricane Harvey has faded and Hurricane Irma is affecting FL and threatening us in GA. Any information provided in this article would be quickly outdated. However, a good source of information, documenting the response of Amateur Radio operators to these natural disasters, can be found on 2 dedicated ARRL web pages:

- <http://www.arrl.org/harvey>
- <http://www.arrl.org/irma>

Each page is roughly split into 3 sections:

- Information Resources
- ARRL News
- Ham Aid

Check each page often for updates. As always, our thoughts and prayers go out to those who have been affected by these natural disasters. Also, please consider donating to charities that help those who are affected.

Thanks and 73, *Bill*, WB2RIS

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Finally, I pretended to have to go back to work and said 73 to my fellow GARS members that had been so helpful. I did intend to go back to work, and I did eventually do that, but at that moment I wanted to solve the problem more than I wanted to work. Before I left the car, I turned off the radio and looked at all the connections. I had just moved this radio and all of its components from one car to another. What could be so different?

Well, this car has a generator where most have alternators. Yes, there are cars that have generators. They are British. It's weird, but they work most of the time. I couldn't see an issue with that. If anything I think a generator would be less likely to cause RFI.

Two antennas had the same problem. Both had worked a few days ago. Reasonably, one could go bad, but two? Okay, yes, that happens, but not this time. They both checked out with an analyzer.

With the radio off, I stared at the dash of my new old car and wished I had a clue. I traced the wires with my eyes. All those wires that drive me nuts when I try and do a clean install. There was one set that I hadn't accounted for. The wires from the radio to the \$9 speaker from Amazon that I had cleverly wedged in the brackets of the unused ashtray. Those were some really thin wires. Really thin.

I pulled the choke, the one that was too big anyway, from my antenna cable and wrapped the speaker wire through it five times.

Wow! I could hear you guys, even when accelerating up a hill. RFI problem solved.

I took two lessons from this.

1. Never discount anything. Especially if the problem is one that you have not experienced before. Check every wire and every connection.
2. If you've had a similar problem and that solution does not work here, let it go and look for the solution that applies this time.
3. GARS is the best club in the world. That's you guys. Thank you for every time you have helped and every time you will.

73, *Bill* WR1TR

TO BE CONTINUED??? - Ed

Beginner's Corner

Harvey and EmComm

Texas and Louisiana were hit with a momentous disaster recently, called Hurricane Harvey. All the news and weather channels were providing 24-hour coverage for days.

As I write this, I am reminded of the flooding that hit the Atlanta area in in September 2009. An article from the National Weather Service records the following, "Catastrophic flooding impacted the Atlanta metropolitan area September 15-22, 2009, as a result of multiple days of prolonged rainfall. A combination of ample moisture from both the Atlantic Ocean and the Gulf of Mexico and topography enhancement produced heavy rains that fell faster than local watersheds could handle. At the height of the event, September 20-21, an estimated 10 to 20 inches of rain occurred in less than 24 hours. Historic flash flooding resulted, with flooded river basins remaining swollen for weeks. Numerous flood records were set, with some locations observing conditions exceeding the 0.2% chance of occurrence in a given year." http://www.weather.gov/ffc/atlanta_floods_anniv

Damage was estimated at about \$500 million.

The author lived in the Macon area when Tropical Storm Alberto caused major flooding to Middle Georgia.

Flooding is one of those disasters that does happen in the Atlanta area. I have asked the at least two National Weather Service personnel the following question, "if a Category 5 hurricane came directly at us from either Savannah or the Gulf Coast, what would be the impact on the Atlanta area?" The answer was the same both times. We would have either a Category 1 strength hurricane or a tropical storm.

We have other disaster possibilities in this area, as well. We do have tornadoes here. Fortunately, they have not been as severe as other areas, but they could be.

One thing that has not received much attention here is the possibility of a massive earthquake. We had an earthquake here several years ago. It struck about 4:30 in the morning. It was only a magnitude of 4 point something, but it was an earthquake. It could happen again with greater intensity. We are close enough to the New Madrid Fault that if there were a quake there, it could reach us. Who knows how much damage it could cause?

Regardless of what catastrophic event were to hit us, would we be prepared? We as amateur radio operators, have a moral obligation to be able to provide communications in the event of a disaster. It is our "payment" of sorts for that free license we have. Other services pay big bucks for their licenses.

What can we do to be ready to provide emergency communications?

- Be a member of your local Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES). ARES members train to provide communication in emergencies, either as a replacement or as an auxiliary to normal communication means.
- Get and remain qualified in your ARES unit. Take whatever tests that are required. Participate in monthly meetings, and most importantly, get out and drill with them in public service events. That provides some of the best disaster training short of the real thing. Public service events are excellent training and they are also a lot of fun!
- Maintain your radios in working order. Ensure you have power available for emergency use. Exercise your equipment as often as possible.

What is a hobby may one day save someone's life!

73 de *David Harden*, KJ4CMY

Net Managers Corner

Monday Night 2 Meter “Want, Swap, Sell, and Information Net”

GARS NEEDS MEMBERS TO SERVE AS NET CONTROL STATIONS!

GARS is a great Amateur Radio service club and we have the membership and awards to prove it. Our club is a very busy and active club and we use the Monday night net to get the information out to our members. Weekly participation is needed to make our net function well. There is only a small group of very dedicated people that make the net happen each week, and we need more members to volunteer to serve as Net Control Stations (NCS) on a rotating basis.

Out of almost 300 members, there are only fifteen primary people who serve as NCS for the GARS net every Monday night. In no particular order, they are:

Norm - WA4ZXXV	Kyle - W4KDA	Mitch - N0DIM
Ruth - KM4LAO	Hal - W4IGE	Don - KW4AL
Ray - N4GYN	Sandy - KJ4DRO	John - WB4QDX
Bill - KK4AUA	David - KK4KAF	Kevin - KK4WOG
Chuck - KK4TKJ	Mike - KK4KHS	Donna - KM4FMW

As GARS Net Manager (Chuck KK4TKJ), I really need 26 people to fill NCS positions. I do plan and post the schedule months in advance. Any conditions will be accommodated that you as a rotating NCS need to place on the scheduling of your duties. If your plans change, I can make adjustments for the schedule to work, and I will make those changes happen as soon as I am notified of a problem. As Net Manager, I also send out reminders each week to let the NCS scheduled know he or she is NCS for the next Monday night net. In short, serving as a rotating NCS is a small duty but a great contribution to the club. The “Want, Swap, Sell Information Net” begins promptly at 19:30 every Monday night and runs about 45 minutes. As a scheduled NCS, you will request the assistance of a volunteer alternate NCS each time you have Net Control. Your simple duties will be to tune in to the GARS repeater, read the script, take a few notes and forward the information to me for record keeping.

Please lend a hand and contact me at KK4TKJ@arrl.net. Sign up to help support the effort that makes GARS the great club that it is.

73 and see you on the Nets!

Chuck McCord, KK4TKJ

GARS Net Manager



Don't miss the “KNOW IT ALL” Net Wednesday nights, 8:30-9:30 pm



We have moved to a new format. We begin with current events and announcements. Then we Introduce New Technology. Then we have check-ins and general discussion. Post net is Rag Chew format.

Jeff—AB4HF

Everyone is having great fun on this net! Come join us and become a “KNOW IT ALL”.

TIME: 8:30 every Wednesday evening on the GARS repeater - 2m 147.075 + PL 82.5

(NOTE: The KNOW IT ALL net will take the rest of the summer off, and will resume in October)

GARS Membership Page

New GARS Members in August

Benjamin Team (KX4FK)

New Members: 1

**Total Members as of September 1, 2017
286**

**Join GARS members for our
weekly breakfast gathering at
7:30 AM most Saturdays
at**

**Golden Corral
2155 Riverside Parkway
Lawrenceville, GA 30043**

([Directions](#))

**The following members are
celebrating birthdays
in September:**

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!
From All of Us at GARS**

**Mary Bachner (KE4MFZ)
Jackson Britt (KM4PTV)
Richard Canova (KN4CGJ)
Pierre Decatrel (WB1EZK)
James Drumm (N2FOF)
Jim Farmer (K4BSE)
Roger Gibson (WB4T)
Neal Gilchrist (W4HNG)
Fred Hoefler (W3TLC)
Richard Kitz (KM4SWL)
Charles McElhannon (KM4QVI)
Patrick Pike (KJ4AXD)
Manuel Romero (KD4LXR)
Donald Stewart (KW4AL)
John Stockinger (KC4RFK)
Matthew Velker (KM4WQC)
Richard Waigand (K4KME)
Carter Wood (AG4LK)
Carl Wulfestieg (WZ4CW)**

GARS MEMBERSHIP

Your current GARS membership status is shown in the monthly newsletter e-mail towards the bottom of the message.

To become a GARS member, or to renew your GARS membership, please visit our website—<http://www.gars.org>

To make changes to your GARS membership (moved, new e-mail address, new phone number, etc.), please e-mail the Membership Committee - membership@gars.org

You can **renew or update** your Amateur Radio license information with the FCC at their website for free <http://wireless.fcc.gov/uls/index.htm?job=home>

To update your ARRL information, please visit their website - <http://www.arrl.org>

Membership Chair: Karen Albritton, KI4HPP
Committee Members: Dave Bruse, W4DTR, Pam Meridy, WB1AKQ



BSA Venture Crew 73 Wants You!

Venture Crew 73 is for you.

If you are between 14 and 21 years old, enjoy outdoor activities, and have an interest in radio technology

- Venture Crews are part of the Boy Scouts of America.
- *Venture crew 73 is chartered by the Gwinnett Amateur Radio Society.*
- Venture crew 73 is coed.
- *Meetings are on the second Tuesday of the month, 7:00 pm, at EAA 690 Hangar at:
Briscoe Field - Sports Aviation Complex
Hangar 1, 690 Airport Road
Lawrenceville, GA 30045*
- Crew 73 is a youth-run organization, which means that our Crew President and other youth plan the Crew's outings and activities each month.

We enjoy:

- ◊ *Camping*
- ◊ *Hiking*
- ◊ *Horseback Riding*
- ◊ *Shooting Sports*

- Crew activities usually mix high adventure and the use of Amateur Radio.
- For more information, attend our next meeting or contact:

Steve Back, WB2OGY

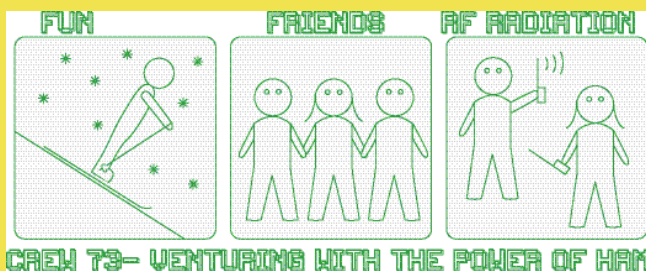
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EXTRA! EXTRA!

Repeater Status

442.325 operational in Buford
147.075 operational in Snellville
147.255 operation in Snellville
444.525 operational in Snellville
Link remote receivers being added
442.100 operational at Goshen Springs
6M currently down

THIS JUST IN: The next Technician HamCram is scheduled for October 14. Check <http://www.gars.org> for more information!



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AUGUST MEETING MINUTES

President Mike Weathers, ND4V called the meeting to order at 7:01pm.

First time visitors and new members were welcomed. Introductions were given. Attendance: 68

General Business

Sid, N4NQ, gave the treasure's report. Voting took place and the treasure's report was approved.

Karen, K14HPP, gave the membership report: GARS has 291 members.

Program Chair Paul Kelley, W4KLY, mentioned that our speaker for this evening is Alan Adamson, W7QO. He will be presenting a program on Balloons Carrying Ham Radio. Next month will be Steve WB2OGY concerning K2BSA operation at the Boy Scout Jamboree. Other programs coming up will include Digital Modes and Antennas.

Event Recaps & General Updates

President Mike mentioned the Kroger rewards program and encouraged everyone to designate their rewards to GARS. Details are in the July 2017 GARzette. Mike reminded everyone about the Amazon Smiles Program. ARRL membership please go through the club. Donations are accepted.

Venture Crew 73 Leader Steve Back, WB2OGY, presented a thank you certificate to GARS Venture Crew 73 Advisor Kevin McClure, KF4HFN, for GARS continued support. GARS has supported scouting since 1999.

Doug Kregel, KB6RRX, is having his 80th birthday. Congratulations to him!

Upcoming Events

David Adcock, KA4KKF, reported on the Dog Show fund raiser coming up Aug 24-27. More volunteers are needed. See the link on the webpage at <http://GARS.org>.

Dave Bruse, W4DTR, reported that the monthly VE test session is coming this next Sunday, August 13 at 2PM. The cost is \$14. Fees are waived for XYs and youth 25 and under.

Huntsville Hamfest will be August 19-20. A group will be going. It is a fun hamfest.

Venture Crew 73 Leader Steve Back, WB2OGY, reported that KK4BSA will be on the air on eclipse day August 21 at Camp Rainy Mountain. Try to contact the scouts.

Alford Club will be going to Vogel State Park for the eclipse on Saturday and Sunday, August 20-21.

Program

Allen, W7QO, presented a very interesting program on High Altitude Balloons and Amateur Radio.

Meeting concluded at 8:55pm.

73, *Leland*, K9SDR, Secretary

ARRL CONTESTING INFO

From ARRL Contest Calendar

> For more information click the links <

September 2017

9-10 [EME - 2.3 GHz and Up](#)
9-11 [September VHF OSO Party](#)
16-17 [10 GHz and Up - Round 2](#)

October 2017

7-8 [EME - 50 to 1296 MHz](#)
16-20 [School Club Roundup](#)

November 2017

4-5 [EME - 50 to 1296 MHz](#)
4-6 [Nov. Sweepstakes - CW](#)
18-20 [Nov. Sweepstakes - Phone](#)

December 2017

1-3 [160 Meter](#)
9-10 [10 Meter](#)
17 [Rookie Roundup-CW](#)

2018

January 2018

1 [Straight Key Night](#)
6 [Kid's Day](#)
6-7 [RTTY Roundup](#)
17 [January VHF Sweepstakes](#)

February 2018

12-16 [School Club Roundup](#)
17-18 [International DX - CW](#)

March 2018

3-4 [International DX- Phone](#)

April 2018

15 [Rookie Roundup - Phone](#)

June 2018

9-11 [June VHF](#)
16 [Kid's Day](#)
23-24 [Field Day](#)

July 2018

9-11 [IARU HF World Championship](#)

For more information:

<http://www.arrl.org/contest-calendar>

HAMFEST CALENDAR

09/16/2017 | [68th Annual Augusta Ham-fest](#)

Location: Grovetown, GA

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: Amateur Radio Club of Augusta

Website: <http://w4dv.org>

10/21/2017 | [Hamfest Chattanooga 2017](#)

Location: East Ridge, TN

Type: ARRL Convention

Sponsor: Chattanooga Amateur Radio Club

Website: <http://www.hamfestchattanooga.net>

10/21/2017 | [Al Brock Memorial Hamfest and Tailgate](#)

Location: Rome, GA

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: Northwest GA Amateur Radio Club

Website: <http://www.w4vo.org>

10/28/2017 | [LaGrange Hamfest](#)

Location: LaGrange, GA

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: LaGrange Amateur Radio Club

Website: <http://www.lagrangeradioclub.org>

10/28/2017 | [Jacksonville FREE Hamfest](#)

Location: Jacksonville, FL

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: North Florida Amateur Radio Society

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Location: Lawrenceville, GA

Type: ARRL Convention

Sponsor: Alford Memorial Radio Club

Website: <http://stonemountainhamfest.com/>

For more information:

<http://www.arrl.org/hamfests-and-conventions-calendar>

Note: When entering search terms in the above page by division, remember some states adjacent to GA are in different divisions:

Southeastern: GA, AL, FL **Delta:** TN **Roanoke:** NC, SC

GARS Calendar of Events for 2017		GARS Recurring Calendar
Dog Show Fundraisers February and August Tech HamCrams March 25, October 14 TechFest (www.techfest.info) January 14 Winter Field Day January 28 & 29 Georgia QSO Party April 8 & 9 North metro area Fox Hunt April May Madness May 5 - 14 Memorial Day Parade May 29 ARC/KARC Hamfest June 3 (1st Saturday) Field Day June 24 & 25 General HamCram July 22 & 29 JOTA - 3rd Weekend of ... October Maker Faire October 22 Stone Mt. Hamfest Nov 4 & 5 Christmas Party TBA		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Monthly club meeting is the <u>2nd Tuesday</u> of the month at 7 pm ◆ <u>Every Monday</u> at 7:30 pm: GARS Want, Swap, Sell, and Information Net + 8:30 pm: ARES Training on the GARS 147.075 MHz repeater ◆ <u>Every Wednesday</u> at 8:30 pm: GARS Know It All Net on the GARS 147.075 MHz repeater (currently on hiatus, resumes October 2017) ◆ <u>Every Saturday</u> at 7:30 am: GARS Weekly Breakfast, Golden Corral Restaurant, 2155 Riverside Parkway Lawrenceville, GA 30043 ◆ <u>Second Sunday of the Month</u> at 2:00 pm: GARS Ham Exam Session, Fire Station #24 2735 Mall of Georgia Blvd Buford, GA 30519
October GARS Meeting “Antenna Facts, Myths and Tips” By Hal Kennedy, N4GG		

GARS CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR SEPTEMBER 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
August 27	August 28	August 29	August 30	August 31	1	2 7:30 - 9:30 am Breakfast at Golden Corral Riverside Drive
3	4 HAPPY LABOR DAY 7:30 - 8:00 pm GARS 2m Net	5	6 Know-It-All Net resumes in October	7	8	9 7:30 - 9:30 am Breakfast at Golden Corral Riverside Drive
10 GARS VE Team Testing Session Starts at 2:00 pm Gwinnett Co. Fire Station #24	11 7:30 - 8:00 pm GARS 2m Net	12 5:00 - 6:30 pm Dinner 7:00 - 9:00 pm GARS Meeting	13 Know-It-All Net resumes in October	14	15	16 7:30 - 9:30 am Breakfast at Golden Corral Riverside Drive
17	18 7:30 - 8:00 pm GARS 2m Net	19	20 Know-It-All Net resumes in October	21	22	23 7:30 - 9:30 am Breakfast at Golden Corral Riverside Drive
24	25 7:30 - 8:00 pm GARS 2m Net	26	27 Know-It-All Net resumes in October	28	29	30 7:30 - 9:30 am Breakfast at Golden Corral Riverside Drive

Metro Testing Sessions	Ham Exam Results	Metro Club Meetings
<p><i>GARS publishes Metro Atlanta VE exam schedules as a service and is not responsible for errors or changes. Call and confirm schedules before going. All sessions are walk-in. Take copies of current license and certificate of completed elements with you to all sessions. Find additional sessions online at http://www.arrl-ga.org.</i></p> <p>First Sunday, ODD Months 2 pm (Jan, Mar, May, Jul, Sep, & Nov) VEC: WCARS Braselton Public Utility Building 4986 Highway 53, Braselton, GA Roger Gibson, WB4T (770) 271-4210 or (770) 712-9560 w4rlg@bellsouth.net</p> <p>First Sunday, EVEN Months 2 pm (Feb, Apr, Jun, Aug, Oct, Dec) VEC: WCARS Hall County EOC 470 Crescent Dr. Gainesville, Ga. Perry Roper, KO4RD (770) 536-3056</p> <p>Second Saturday 10:00 AM Alpharetta North Park, Adult Activities Center 13450 Cogburn Rd, Alpharetta, GA 30004 Ian Kahn, KM4IK E-mail: km4ik.ian@gmail.com</p> <p>Second Saturday, ODD Months VEC: ARRL 8:30 a.m. GMC Community Ctr 5325 Leon St. Stone Mountain, GA Frank Haynes, KV4SP (678) 467-3712</p> <p>Second Sunday VEC: W5YI 2 pm Fire Station #24 Mall of Georgia Boulevard Buford, GA 30519 Contact: Dave Bruse, W4DTR E-mail: exams@gars.org</p> <p>Third Saturday VEC: W5YI 2 pm @ Barrow Co. Emerg. Serv. Bldg 66 McElroy Street Winder, GA 30680 Steve Donellan, N5SMD (404) 520-0368 E-mail: n5smd@comcast.net</p> <p>(cont. next column)</p>	<p>August Results</p> <p>The GARS VE team had a successful exam session on Aug 13. Seven applicants tested and five passed exams as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Three new Technician class • One upgrade to Amateur Extra • One passed all three elements, earning his Amateur Extra on his first testing session! <p>Many thanks to the following VE's who made the session possible:</p> <p>Dave Bruse, W4DTR (CVE) Don Bagby KK4NJM Ruth Willet KM4LAO Donna McCord, KM4FMW Pam Meridy, WB1AKQ Frank Haynes, KV4SP Bill Cherepy, WB4WTN Larry Whited, AB4NX Yolanda Pence, KM4AAQ</p> <p>73, <i>Chuck</i>, KK4TKJ (Co-CVE)</p> <p>GARS VE Team Leaders E-mail: exams@gars.org</p> <p>GARS VE Website: http://groups.yahoo.com/group/GARS_VE_Team/</p> <p>Fourth Tuesday ARRL VEC 7 pm @ United Way Service Center 6279 Fairburn Rd., Douglasville Jessie Clower, KB4WFK (770) 942-6466</p> <p>Fourth Sunday 2:30 pm Georgia Tech VanLeer Elec. Building Rm. W218, 777 Atlantic Dr. For more information go to www.w4aql.com and click on "Test Sessions"</p>	<p>First Tuesday Kennehoochee ARC Downtown Marietta Fire Station #1, Training Room 112 Haynes Street Marietta, Georgia 30060 Meeting begins at 7:00pm Talk In 146.880(-)</p> <p>First Thursday Atlanta Radio Club Georgia Red Cross HQ 1955 Monroe Dr., Atlanta Meeting is at 7:30pm Talk In -146.820(-)</p> <p>N.E. Georgia ARC Commerce Public Library 1344 South Broad Street, Commerce Meeting is at 6:30pm Talk In - 147.225(+), PL 123.0</p> <p>Second Monday Georgia Tech ARC Room W218 Van Leer Electrical Engineering Bldg. Georgia Tech Campus Meeting at 7:00pm</p> <p>Second Thursday Alford Memorial Radio Club Annistown Road Baptist Church Annistown Rd & Spain Rd Stone Mountain Dinner at 6:00pm, Meeting at 7:30pm Talk In - 146.760(-)</p> <p>Second Saturday North GA QRP Club Board Room of The Shepherd Center 2020 Peachtree Rd, NW, Atlanta at 10:00 AM</p> <p>Third Tuesday North Fulton Amateur Radio League Alpharetta Recreation & Parks Dept Alpharetta Adult Activity Center 13450 Cogburn Road Alpharetta, GA 30004 meeting at 7:30pm Talk In - 145.47(-)</p> <p>For more information, go to: http://www.gars.org/</p>

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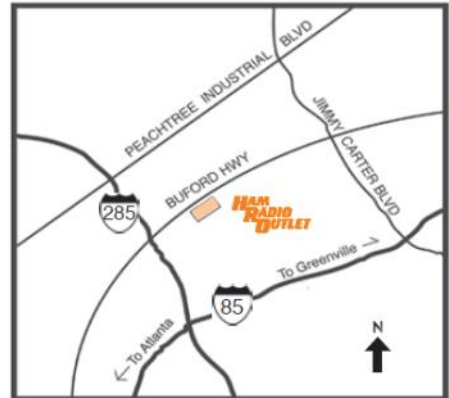


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